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 AN 2001:109916 HCAPLUS Full-text
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 TI Epichlorohydrin-degrading microorganism
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 PA Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd., Japan
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AB	Epichlorohydrin in wastewater and liquid is degraded efficiently with microorganisms selected from Arthrobacter ureafaciens, Microbacterium, and Erwinia carotovora. The physiol. and morphol. characteristics of these microorganisms were also given.				

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 AN 2001-337957 [200136] WPIX Full Text
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 TI Decomposition of waste water containing epichlorohydrin, involves
 treating
 with novel strains of *Arthrobacter ureafaciens*, *Microbacterium*
species
 and *Erwinia carotovora*
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 NOVELTY - Waste water containing epichlorohydrin is decomposed
 using the novel microorganism *Arthrobacter ureafaciens* 3CL7 (FERM
 P-17450) strain, *Microbacterium* sp. CL13 (FERM P-17452) strain and
Erwinia carotovora 4CL5 (FERM P-17451) strain, is new.
 USE - For treating waste water and liquid waste containing
 epichlorohydrin ejected from chemical plants.
 ADVANTAGE - The method enables effective decomposition of
 epichlorohydrin in the waste liquid using novel strains of
 microorganism.
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(54)【発明の名称】 エピクロロヒドリンの微生物分解

(57)【要約】

【課題】 エピクロロヒドリンの分解のための強力な新規微生物及びその微生物を利用するエピクロロヒドリンの分解、特に排水、廃液中に含有されるエピクロロヒドリンを分解する方法の提供

【解決手段】 新規な微生物アルスロバクター・ウレアファシエンス3C1.7 (Arthrobacter ureafaciens 3C1.7) FERM P-17450菌株、ミクロバクテリウム・スピーズC1.13 (Microbacterium sp. C1.13) FERM P-17452菌株又はエルヴィニア・カロトボラ4C1.5 (Erwinia carotovora 4C1.5) FERM P-17451菌株から選ばれる菌株を用いたエピクロロヒドリンの分解方法。

【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 アルスバクター・ウレアファシエンス 3CL7 (Arthrobacter ureafaciens 3CL7) FERM P-17450 菌株、ミクロバクテリウム・スピーシズ CL13 (Microbacterium sp. CL13) FERM P-17452 菌株又はエルヴィニア・カロトボラ 4CL5 (Erwinia carotovora 4CL5) FERM P-17451 菌株から選ばれる菌株を用いたエピクロロヒドリンの分解方法

【請求項2】 アルスバクター・ウレアファシエンス 3CL7 (Arthrobacter ureafaciens 3CL7) FERM P-17450 菌株

【請求項3】 ミクロバクテリウム・スピーシズ CL13 (Microbacterium sp. CL13) FERM P-17452 菌株。

【請求項4】 エルヴィニア・カロトボラ 4CL5 (Erwinia carotovora 4CL5) FERM P-17451 菌株。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明はエピクロロヒドリンの製造又はエピクロロヒドリンを使用する工程から排出されるエピクロロヒドリンを含む排水の処理する方法に関する。エピクロロヒドリンは、化学品の合成原料として大量に製造・消費されている。

【0002】

【従来の技術】エピクロロヒドリンの様なハロゲン炭素の結合を持つ有機化合物の工業的な規模での処理には特別な難しさがある。すなわち、炭素-ハロゲン共有結合が安定である為に、これを切断するのに多大のコストを要する事である。従来これらハロゲン化された有機物質は化学的・物理的方法及び生物的方法により分解される。ここで使用される物理的方法としてはたとえば活性炭による吸着、及び抽出法である。しかし、この方法はハロゲン化有機化合物で汚染された大量の活性炭や抽出物が生じるという問題があり、これらの処理に多大の費用がかかる。次に化学的な処理としては多くの場合酸化的雰囲気で高温、高圧条件でハロゲン化合物を分解する方法である。例えば、特開平6-320194号公報及び米国特許5478472号公報に示されている様に、排水を熱的アルカリ処理後、セルモナス属細菌等のグラム陽性菌及びアルカリゲネス属細菌等のグラム陰性菌を使用して生物処理を行っている。さらに、場合により化学的酸化処理を行っている。しかし、この方法では特別な装置が必要な上エネルギーコストが大きく、経済的な処理法とは言えない。特開昭50-032767号公報には電気分解したのちにイオン交換膜で処理する方法も示されている。がこれも同様に多くのエネルギーを必要とする。その他、有機ハロゲン化合物と高い反応性を持つ金属又は金属水素化物で処理する方法もあるが、これ

もコストが高く又分解率も十分とは言えない。

【0003】以上の様に現状では、経済性のあるすぐれたエピクロロヒドリンの分解法がないために多大のエネルギーを使用して廃液の焼却処理を余儀なくされている。しかし、近年のようにダイオキシンの発生が世界的に大きな問題になっており、燃焼する事も難しくなっており、環境に負荷の少ない、経済的な処理法が求められていた。

【0004】マリケンら (Eur. J. Biochem. 202, 1217 (1991)) は、アグロバクテリウム・ラジオバクター (Agrobacterium radiobacter AD1) が、エピクロロヒドリンを単一の炭素源として生育することについて報告しているが、本発明の微生物とは異なる。またエピクロロヒドリンの培養濃度は、5mMまでである。笠井ら (Agric. Biol. Chem. 54, 3185 (1990)) は、シュウドモナス・スピーシズ (Pseudomonas sp. OS-K-29) が、エピクロロヒドリンを単一の炭素源として生育することを述べているが、本発明の微生物とは異なる。またエピクロロヒドリンの培養濃度は、約25mM (0.2%) までである。

【0005】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】本発明の目的は、エピクロロヒドリンの分解のための強力な新規微生物及びその微生物を利用するエピクロロヒドリンの分解、特に排水、廃液中に含有されるエピクロロヒドリンを分解する方法を提供することである。

【0006】

【課題を解決するための手段】本発明者は、エピクロロヒドリンの新しい生物化学的処理方法を開発するために、自然界に菌株を広範囲にスクリーニングしたところ、いくつかの細菌がエピクロロヒドリンを分解することを見出した。すなわち、日本の山口県の土壤中から、高濃度のエピクロロヒドリンを分解する新たな菌種を取得し、これら菌株をエピクロロヒドリンを含む水性媒体と接触させることによるエピクロロヒドリンの生物化学的処理方法を提供することにより解決される。

【0007】

【発明の実施の形態】以下、本発明を詳細に説明する。

(1) 微生物

本発明において新たに分離された3CL7株、CL13株及び4CL5株は、山口県下の土壤からスクリーニングして単離したものであり、高いエピクロロヒドリン分解活性を有する。これら新菌株は、以下に示すものである。

【0008】アルスバクター・ウレアファシエンス 3CL7株は、工業技術院生命工学工業技術研究所にFERM P-17450として寄託されている。

【0009】ミクロバクテリウム・スピーシズ CL13株は、工業技術院生命工学工業技術研究所にFERM P-17452として寄託されている。

【0010】エルヴィニア・カロトボラ 4CL5は、工

業技術院生命工学工業技術研究所にFERM-P-17 菌学的性質を示す。
451として寄託されている。以下に、これら新菌株の 【0011】

3CL7株 3CL13株 4CL5株

(a) 形態的性質

1 細胞の形	桿菌	桿菌	桿菌
2 細胞の大きさ (μm)	0.6×1	0.6×2	0.8×1
2 多形成の有無	+	+	—
3 運動性の有無	—	—	+
4 胞子の有無	—	—	—

(b) 培養的性質

1 肉汁寒天平板培養 (30℃、3日間)			
イ) コロニー形状 (直径、mm)	2	2	3
ロ) コロニーの形	円形	円形	円形
ハ) コロニーの表面の形状	平滑	平滑	平滑
ニ) コロニーの隆起状態	低凸状	低凸状	低凸状
ホ) コロニーの周縁	全縁なめらか	全縁なめらか	全縁なめらか
ヘ) コロニーの色調	黄色	黄色	クリーム
ト) コロニーの透明度	不透明	不透明	不透明
チ) コロニーの光沢	あり	あり	鈍光沢
リ) 可溶性色素の生成	なし	なし	なし
2 肉汁寒天斜面培養 (30℃、3日間)			
イ) 生育の良否	良好	良好	良好
ロ) コロニーの光沢	あり	あり	あり
3 肉汁液体培養 (30℃、7日間)			
イ) 表面の生育	あり	あり	あり
ロ) 濁度	濁る	濁る	濁る
ハ) 沈殿	粉状	粉状	粉状
ニ) ガス発生	なし	なし	なし
4 肉汁ゼラチン (30℃、7日間)			
ゼラチン液化	+	+	—
5 リトマス・ミルク (30℃、7日間)			
	青変	赤変	青変

(c) 生理学的性質

1 グラム染色	+	+	—
2 硝酸塩の還元	—	—	+
3 脱窒反応	—	—	—
4 MRテスト	—	—	—
5 VPテスト	—	—	+
6 インドール生成	—	—	+
7 硫化水素の生成	—	—	—
8 デンプンの加水分解	—	—	—
9 クエン酸利用			
イ) koser	+	+	+
ロ) Christensen	+	+	+
10 色素の生成			
イ) king A培地	—	—	—
ロ) king B培地	—	—	—
11 ウレアーゼ	—	—	—
12 オキシダーゼ	—	—	—
13カタラーゼ	+	+	+

14 生育の範囲			
イ) pH	5-9	6-9	6-8
ロ) 温度			
30℃	+	+	+
37℃	+		—
41℃	+		—
15 酸素に対する態度	通性嫌気性	好気性	通性嫌気性
16 (O) ドテスト(グルコース)	酸化的	酸化的	発酵的
17 糖類からの酸及びガスの生成	酸 ガス	酸 ガス	酸 ガス
1 アラビノース			+
2 キシロース			+
3 グルコース			+
4 マンノース			+
5 フラクトース			+
6 ガラクトース			+
7 マルトース			+
8 シュクロース		+	+
9 ラクトース			+
10 トレハロース			+
11 D-ソルビット			+
12 D-マンニット			+
13 グリセリン			+
14 デンプン			+
15 ラフィノース			+
16 イヌリン			+
17 D-リボース			+
18 ソルボース			+
19 カルボキシメチルセルロース			—
20 グリコーゲン			—
(d) その他の諸性質			
ビタミン要求性	なし	なし	なし
アルギニンの分解	+	+	—
ヒスチジノールの分解			—
ニコチンの分解			—
耐塩性 5%	+		+
7%	+		—
10%			—
フェニルアラニン脱アミノ酵素			—
細胞壁アミノ酸	リジン	オルニチン	

【0012】上記の菌学的性質に基づき、バージー・マニユアル・オブ・システムチック・バクテリオロジー(Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology)の記述に従って、前記3C.L.7、C.L.13、4C.L.5の各菌株を次のように同定した

【0013】すなわち、3C.L.7株は、グラム陽性、短桿菌(0.6×1μm)、黄色色素産生、胞子の形成なし、運動性なし、通性嫌気性、オキシダーゼ陰性、各種炭水化物の資化能なし、細胞の経時的形態変化において球菌・桿菌の生活環が観察される。また、グルコースか

らの酸の生成は見られず、細胞壁にはリジンを含むことからアルスロバクター属に属する。また、デンプンを加水分解しないこと、ニコチンおよびヒスチジノールの資化性がないこと、2-ヒドロキシピリジン寒天上で緑色の色素を呈さないことから、アルスロバクター・ウレアファシエンスト同定した。

【0014】C.L.13株は、グラム陽性、短桿菌(0.6×2μm)、胞子の生成なし、好気性、オキシダーゼ陰性、各種炭水化物の資化能なし、黄色色素産生、運動性なし。細胞壁アミノ酸分析よりジアミノピメリン酸を

含まずオルニチンを含むこと、デンプンを加水分解しないこと、グルコースからの酸を産生しないこと、16S rDNAの配列解析からミクロバクテリウム・ルテオラムに対して95.8%と高い相同性を示した。しかし、同一の性質を示す種が知られていないことから、ミクロバクテリウム属に属する一細菌として、ミクロバクテリウム・スピーズと同定した。

【0015】4C1.5株は、グラム陰性、短桿菌(0.8×1μm)、胞子の生成なし、運動性あり、通性嫌気性、カタラーゼ陽性、グルコースを発酵的に分解し酸およびガスを産生する。オキシダーゼ陰性、クエン酸の利用性あり、インドール産生あり、硫化水素産生なし、アセトイン産生あり。グルコース、D-マンニトール、イノシトール、D-ソルビトール、L-アラビノースなどの各種炭水化物の資化能あり、マロン酸塩の利用性がない、マルトースおよびトレハロースから酸を産生、アセトインを生成することから、エルヴィニア・カイトボラと同定した。

【0016】なお、これらの菌株に変異を生じさせて一層生産性の高い菌株を得ることもできる。また、これらの菌株の細胞中に存在するエビクロヒドリンの分解に関与する遺伝子を切り出し、これを適切なベクター(例えばプラスミド)に挿入し、このベクターを用いて適当な宿主、例えばエッシャーリッチイ・コリ(*Escherichia coli*)や酵母のごとき異種宿主もしくはアルスロバクター属、ミクロバクテリウム属、あるいはエルヴィニア属細菌のごとき同種宿主を形質転換することにより、本発明のエビクロヒドリン分解株を人為的に創成することもできる。

【0017】(2)微生物の培養方法

前記の微生物を培養して本発明のエビクロヒドリン分解活性株を製造しようとする場合、基礎栄養培地として、この発明の微生物が増殖し得るものであればいずれを使用してもよい。この培地は、窒素源として例えば硫酸、酵母エキス、ヘフトン、肉エキス等の1種類又は複数種類を含有する。また、この培地には必要に応じて炭素源としてグルコース、デンプン、グリセリン等を加えることができる。この培地には無機塩類、例えばリン酸二カリウム、塩化ナトリウム、硫酸マグネシウム等を加えることが好ましい。また、酵素の誘導物質となりうる少量のエビクロヒドリン等、エポキシド化合物を添加することも好ましい。エビクロヒドリンの添加量は、基礎培地の組成、培養する菌株の性質により異なるが、およそ0.01~5%である。

【0018】培養は固体培地又は液体培地のいずれを用いてもよいが、高活性株を多量に得るためには、液体培地を用い、振盪培養、通気・攪拌培養等により好気的条件下で培養を行うのが好ましい。培養温度は菌が生育し、エビクロヒドリンが分解される温度範囲内であればいずれの温度でも良いが、好ましくは25~45度で

ある。pHは5~11、好ましくは6~10の範囲である。培養時間は酵素活性が発現される時間を選べば良いが好ましくは6~72時間である。

【0019】細菌菌体の様態としては、特に制限はないが、細胞を含有する培養液、エビクロヒドリン分解酵素源を含む処理物、培養上清液、培養上清液又は、培養液から分離した菌体の処理物、これから得た酵素剤、さらに、これらの酵素又は、酵素含有物を常法によって固定化したもの等、酵素反応手段として実施される方法であれば反応に供することができる。

【0020】(3)エビクロヒドリンの分解

エビクロヒドリンの分解の様態については、特に制限はないが、通常は前記の細菌菌体を含む反応液に基質としてのエビクロヒドリン、及び水が含まれていれば反応が進行する。

【0021】原料のエビクロヒドリンは反応を阻害しない程度であれば、反応液中の細菌菌体の濃度等により異なり特に限定されないが、1~500g/lとするのが便利である。エビクロヒドリンはバッチ式反応においては反応開始時に一度に添加することもでき、又反応の進行と共に複数回に分割して、もしくは連続的に添加することもできる。

【0022】反応媒体としては、水、又は、アセトン、アセトニトリル、ジメチルスルホキシド、ジメチルホルムアミド等を含む水性液、例えば、水性緩衝液を用いることができる。緩衝液としては、例えば、トリス塩酸緩衝液、リン酸カリウム緩衝液等を使用することができる。また、ケトン、エーテル、炭化水素、芳香族オレフィン、ハロゲン化炭化水素、有機酸エステル、アルコール、ニトリル等水と混合しない有機溶媒をも用いることもできる。例えば、メチルブチルケトン、イソプロピルエーテル、石油エーテル、ヘキサン、ヘプタン、シクロヘキサン、四塩化炭素、クロロフォルム、二塩化メチレン、トリクロロエタン、ベンゼン、トルエン、キシレン、酢酸エチル、酢酸ブチル、ブタノール、ヘキサノール、オクタノール等を使用することができる。また、これらの有機溶媒の混合物を使うこともできるし、水を飽和させた有機溶媒、水性緩衝液との二層系あるいは、ミセル、逆ミセル、エマルジョンとして反応させることもできる。

【0023】反応のpHとしては、pH5~11、好ましくはpH6~10とする。反応の温度も反応のpHと同様に考えることができるが、通常は20~60℃、好ましくは25~50℃である。反応時間は、特に限定されないが、反応混合物の基質濃度、酵素力価等、に依存して基質エビクロヒドリンが充分に分解されるまで反応を維持する。

【0024】

【実施例】次に実施例によりこの発明をさらに具体的に説明する。

【0025】実施例1

ペプトン0.5%、NaCl0.3%、肉エキス0.3%を含有し、pH7.0に調製したNutrient培地5mLを試験管に入れ、120℃、15分間加熱殺菌した後、エヒクロロヒドリンを0.5から500mMとなるように加え、それぞれ、アルスバクター・ウレアファシエンス3CL7 (FERM-P-17450)、ミクロバクテリウム・スピーズCL13 (FERM-P-17452)、エルヴィニア・カトボラ4CL5 (FERM-P-17451)を接種し30℃で2日間振盪培養した。アルスバクター・ウレアファシエンス3CL7は、30mMまで、ミクロバクテリウム・スピーズCL13は、26mMまで、エルヴィニア・カトボラ4CL5は、24mMまでのエヒクロロヒドリンでの生育が認められた。

【0026】実施例2

K_2HPO_4 0.56%、 KH_2PO_4 0.24%、 $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ 0.1%、食塩0.1%、 $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ 0.2%、酵母エキス0.01%、ビタミン混液、微量金属塩を含有し、pH7.0に調製した培地0.4Lを120℃、15分間加熱殺菌した後、エヒクロロヒドリンを10mMとなるように(370mg/0.4L)加え、アルスバクター・ウレアファシエンス3CL7 (FERM-P-17450)を接種し30℃で振盪培養した。培地中の塩素イオンの濃度は、Iwasakiの方法(Iwasaki他、Bull. Chem. Soc., Japan, 25, 256 (1952).)により測定した。培地中に含まれていた10mMのエヒクロロヒドリンは培養経過と共に減少し、約40時間で完全に消失した。菌の生育は、約100時間で最高になった。培地中の塩素イオン濃度は約150時間後に最高になり、10mMに達した。

【0027】実施例3

実施例2と同様の培地を調製し、アルスバクター・ウレアファシエンス3CL7 (FERM-P-17450)を接種し30℃で振盪培養した。0.4Lの培地からの菌体を生理的食塩水で洗浄した後、0.1Mリン酸緩衝液(pH7.0)40mLに懸濁し、エヒクロロヒドリンを10mMなるよう添加して、30℃で160rpmで振盪した。10mM含まれていたエヒクロロヒドリンは時間経過と共に減少し、約140分間で完全に消

失した。

【0028】実施例4

実施例2と同様の培地を調製し、ミクロバクテリウム・スピーズCL13 (FERM-P-17452)を接種し30℃で振盪培養した。培地中に含まれていた10mMのエヒクロロヒドリンは培養経過と共に減少し、約100時間で完全に消失した。菌の生育は、約100時間で最高になった。培地中の塩素イオン濃度は約120時間後に最高になり、10mMに達した。

【0029】実施例5

実施例2と同様の培地を調製し、ミクロバクテリウム・スピーズCL13 (FERM-P-17452)を接種し30℃で振盪培養した。0.4Lの培地からの菌体を生理的食塩水で洗浄した後、0.1Mリン酸緩衝液(pH7.0)40mLに懸濁し、エピクロロヒドリンを10mMとなるよう添加して、30℃で160rpmで振盪した。10mM含まれていたエピクロロヒドリンは時間経過と共に減少し、約70分間で完全に消失した。

【0030】実施例6

実施例2と同様の培地を調製し、エルヴィニア・カトボラ4CL5 (FERM-P-17451)を接種し30℃で振盪培養した。培地中に含まれていた10mMのエヒクロロヒドリンは培養経過と共に減少し、約80時間で完全に消失した。菌の生育は、約150時間で最高になった。培地中の塩素イオン濃度は約120時間後に最高になり、5mMに達した。

【0031】実施例7

実施例2と同様の培地を調製し、エルヴィニア・カトボラ4CL5 (FERM-P-17451)を接種し30℃で振盪培養した。0.4Lの培地からの菌体を生理的食塩水で洗浄した後、0.1Mリン酸緩衝液(pH7.0)40mLに懸濁し、エピクロロヒドリンを10mMとなるよう添加して、30℃で160rpmで振盪した。10mM含まれていたエピクロロヒドリンは時間経過と共に減少し、約15分間で完全に消失した。

【0032】

【発明の効果】本発明によってもたらされる新規なエヒクロロヒドリンの分解のための強力な新規微生物及びその微生物を利用するエピクロロヒドリンの分解、特に排水、廃液中に含有されるエピクロロヒドリンの効率良い分解方処理が可能となる。

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Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a new kind of potent microorganisms intended for

biodegrading epichlorohydrin, and a method for biodegrading epichlorohydrin using the above microorganisms, in particular for degrading epichlorohydrin contained in effluents and waste liquors. SOLUTION: This method for biodegrading epichlorohydrin comprises using a strain selected from each new kind of microorganisms *Arthrobacter ureafaciens* 3CL7 (FERM P-17450) strain, *Microbacterium* sp. CL13 (FERM P-17452) and *Erwinia carotovora* 4CL5 (FERM P-17451) strain.

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(57) Abstract

SUBJECT Offer of the method of decomposing the epichlorohydrin contained in decomposition of epichlorohydrin using the powerful new microorganism for decomposition of epichlorohydrin, and its microorganism especially wastewater, and waste fluid.

Means for Solution Microorganism *Arthrobacter urea* FASHI nth 3CL7(*Arthrobacter ureafaciens* 3C L7)FERM P-17450 new strain, Micro bacterium species CL13(*Microbacterium* sp. CL13)FERM P-17452 strain or Elvey Nia KAROTOBORA 4CL5(*Erwinia carotovora* 4CL5)FERM. A decomposing method of epichlorohydrin using a strain chosen from P-17451 strain.

Claim(s)

Claim 1 *Arthrobacter urea* FASHI nth 3CL7(*Arthrobacter ureafaciens* 3C L7)FERM P-17450 strain, Micro bacterium species CL13(*Microbacterium* sp. CL13)FERM P-17452 strain or Elvey Nia KAROTOBORA 4CL5(*Erwinia carotovora* 4CL5)FERM. A decomposing method of epichlorohydrin using a strain chosen from P-17451 strain.

Claim 2 *Arthrobacter urea* FASHI nth 3CL7(*Arthrobacter ureafaciens* 3C L7)FERM P-17450 strain.

Claim 3 Micro bacterium species CL13(*Microbacterium* sp. CL13)FERM P-17452 strain.

Claim 4 Elvey Nia KAROTOBORA 4CL5(*Erwinia carotovora* 4CL5)FERM P-17451 strain.

Detailed Description of the Invention

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Field of the Invention This invention relates to how to process the wastewater containing the epichlorohydrin discharged from the process of using manufacture of epichlorohydrin, or epichlorohydrin. Epichlorohydrin is manufactured and consumed in large quantities as synthetic powder of a chemistry article.

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Description of the Prior Art There is special difficulty in processing on the industrial scale of an organic compound with combination of halogen carbon like epichlorohydrin. That is, since the carbon-halogen covalent bond is stable, it is taking great cost to cut this. The organic substance these-halogenated conventionally is disassembled by chemical, a physical method, and the biological method. As a physical method used here, they are the adsorption by activated carbon, and an extraction method. However, this method has the problem that a lot of activated carbon and extracts which were polluted with the halogenated organic compound arise, and requires great expense for these processings. Next, it is the method of decomposing an elevated temperature in oxidative atmosphere and disassembling a halogenated compound on high voltage conditions as chemical processing, in many cases. For example, biological treatment is performed for wastewater after thermal alkali treatment using gram negative bacteria, such as gram positive bacteria, such as the *Cellulomonas* bacteria, and the *Alcaligenes* bacteria, as shown in JP, H6-320194, A and a U.S. Pat. No. 5478472 item gazette. The case is performing chemical oxidation treatment. However, by this method, the upper energy cost which needs special equipment is large, and cannot call it an economical approach. After electrolyzing to JP, S50-032767, A, how to process by an ion-exchange membrane is also shown. ***** needs many energies similarly. In addition, there is the method of processing with metal or metal hydride with an organic halogenated compound and high reactivity, and cost cannot say this that cracking severity is also enough high again, either.

0003 As mentioned above, under the present circumstances, since there is no method of decomposing economical outstanding epichlorohydrin, it is obliged to incineration processing of waste fluid using great energy. However, generating of dioxin has been a globally big problem like

recent years, burning is also difficult, and environment was asked for the economical approach with little load.

0004 Mulliken and others (Eur. J. Biochem. 202 and 1217 (1991)), Although *Agrobacterium radiobacter* (AD1) has reported growing epichlorohydrin as a single carbon source, it differs from the microorganism of this invention. The culture concentration of epichlorohydrin is to 5mM. Kasai and others (Agric. Biol. Chem. 54. 3185 (1990)) has single *Pseudomonas* sp. (*Pseudomonas* sp. OS-K-29) in epichlorohydrin. Although it has said that it grows as a carbon source, It differs from the microorganism of this invention. The culture concentration of epichlorohydrin is up to about 25 mM(s) (0.2%).

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Problem to be solved by the invention The purpose of this invention is to provide the method of decomposing the epichlorohydrin contained in decomposition of epichlorohydrin using the powerful new microorganism for decomposition of epichlorohydrin, and its microorganism especially wastewater, and waste fluid.

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Means for solving problem In order for this invention person to develop the new biochemical disposal method of epichlorohydrin, when a strain was broadly screened in a nature, he found out that some bacteria decomposed epichlorohydrin. That is, the new strain which decomposes high-concentration epichlorohydrin is acquired out of soil of Yamaguchi Prefecture in Japan, and it is solved by providing a biochemical disposal method of epichlorohydrin by contacting these strains to an aqueous medium containing epichlorohydrin.

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Mode for carrying out the invention Hereafter, this invention is explained in detail.

(1) The 3CL7 share, 13 shares of CLs, and five shares of 4CLs which were newly separated in microorganism this invention are screened, are isolated from soil in Yamaguchi, and have high epichlorohydrin decomposition activity. These new strains are shown below.

0008 Seven shares of *Arthrobacter urea* FASHI nth 3CLs are deposited with National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology as FERM P-17450.

0009 Micro bacterium species CL13 is deposited with National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology as FERM P-17452.

0010 Elvey Nia KAROTOBORA 4CL5 is deposited with National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology as FERM P-17451. Below, the mycology character of these new strains is shown.

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5 shares of 13 shares of 3CL seven-share CLs 4CL (a) morphometrical characteristic . form of one cell *Bacillus* *Bacillus* the size (micrometer) of *Bacillus* 2 cell -- 0.6x1 0.6x2 0.8x1 Existence + of 2 pleiomorphia + - Existence - of 3 motility - + Existence - of 4 spore - -(b) culture character -- 1 bouillon agar plate culture (for 30 ** and three days)

b) colony form (a diameter.) mm) 2 2 Three Form of a RO colony Circular . Circular Circular Form of the surface of the Ha colony Smooth . Smooth Smooth Upheaval state of a NI colony Low-convex-like . The shape of low convex The shape of low convex Periphery of a HO colony Entire fringe smooth . entire fringe -- smooth entire fringe -- smooth Color tone of a HE colony Yellow Yellow cream Transparency of a TO colony Opaque Opaque Opaque Gloss of a CHI colony **** * dull gloss Generation of the Li soluble pigment Nothing Nothing Nothing 2 bouillon agar slant culture (for 30 ** and three days)

b) a quality of growth Fitness Fitness Fitness Gloss of a RO colony **** * * * * -- 3 bouillon liquid culture (for 30 ** and seven days)

b) surface growth **** * * * * RO turbidity It becomes muddy. It becomes muddy. It becomes muddy. The Ha precipitate Powder Powder Powder The NI generation of gas Nothing Nothing Nothing 4 bouillon gelatin (for 30 ** and seven days)

Gelatin liquefaction +5 litmus milk - - (30 **) A blue stain during seven days Erythrochromia Blue stain (c) physiological property . 1 Gram's stain + + - Two Nitrate's reduction . - - + Three

Denitrification reaction - - -4. MR test - - - Five VP test . - - + Six Indore generation - - . + Seven Generation **of hydrogen sulfide** - - - 8. Hydrolysis **of starch** - - - 9 citrate use . b) Koser+ + +

RO Christensen. + + + Ten Generation of a pigment I King. A culture-medium - - - RO King B culture-medium . - - - 11 Urease - - -. 12 Oxidase - - - 13 Catalase . + + +14 The range of growth I pH 5-9. 6-9 6-8 RO temperature 30 ** + +. + 37 ** + - - 41 ** + -. - 15 An attitude against

oxygen Common gender anaerobiosis . Aerotropism A common gender anaerobic 16 O-F test (glucose). oxidative -- oxidative Generation of acid from fermentation 17 sugars, and gas Acid Gas Acid Gas 1 L-arabinose - - - - + - 2 D-xylose - - - - + - 3 D-glucose - - - - + + 4 D-mannose -. - - - + - 5 D-fructose . - - - - + - 6 D-galactose . - - - - + - Seven Malt sugar . - - - - + - Eight Shook sirloin . - - + - + - Nine Lactose . - - - - + - Ten Trehalose . - - - - + - 11 D-sorbitol . - - - - + - 12 D-mannitol . - - - - + - 13 Glycerin . - - - - + - 14 Starch . - - - - + - 15 Raffinose . - - - - + - 16 Inulin . - - - - + - 17 D-ribose . - - - - + - 18 Sorbose . - - + - + - 19 Carboxymethyl cellulose . - - - - - 20 Glycogen . - - - - - Other -(d) and many character . Vitamin demand nature Nothing It makes and nothing Disassembly **of arginine** . + + - Decomposition **of histidinol** - - - Disassembly **of nicotine** - - - Salt tolerance 5%+ - + 7%+ - - 10% - - - Phenylalanine deaminase - - - Cell wall amino acid Lysine. ornithine

0012Based on the above-mentioned mycology character, according to description of a bar JIZU manual OBU SHISUTEMA tic bacteriology (Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology), Each strain of said 3C L7, CL13, and 4CL5 was identified as follows.

0013Namely, as for 3CL7 share, the life cycle of a micrococcus-Bacillus is observed in a Gram positive, a short Bacillus (0.6x1 micrometer), yellow-coloring-matter production, the formation nothing of a spore, motile nothing one, a common gender anaerobiosis, oxidase negativity, the utilization incompetence of various carbohydrates, and the temporal shape change of a cell. Generation of acid from glucose is not seen, but since lysine is included in a cell wall, it belongs to Arthrobacter. Arthrobacter urea FASHI since there is **** on that there is no assimilation of not hydrolyzing starch, nicotine, and histidinol, and 2-hydroxypyridine agar about a green pigment as for nothing -- it identified nth.

001413 shares of CLs have a Gram positive, a short Bacillus (0.6x2 micrometers), the generation nothing of a spore, aerotropism, oxidase negativity, the utilization incompetence of various carbohydrates, yellow-coloring-matter production, and no motility. 95.8% and high homology were shown to micro bacterium RUTEORAMU from the sequence analysis of that diaminopimelic acid is not included but ornithine is included from cell wall amino acid analysis, not hydrolyzing starch, not producing acid from glucose, and 16S rDNA. However, since the kind in which the same character is shown was not known, the micro bacterium species was identified as one bacteria belonging to Microbacterium.

0015Five shares of 4CLs decompose Gram negative, a short Bacillus (0.8x1 micrometer), the generation nothing of a spore, motile ****, a common gender anaerobiosis, a catalase positivity, and glucose in fermentation, and produce acid and gas. Oxidase negativity and citrate are available and Those with the Indore production, hydrogen sulfide production nothing, Those with acetoin production, glucose, D-mannitol, inositol, Since acid was produced from malt sugar and trehalose without those of various carbohydrates, such as D-sorbitol and L-rhamnose, with utilization ability, and the availability of chestnut acid chloride and acetoin was generated, Elvey Nia KAROTOBORA was identified.

0016These strains are made to produce variation and a strain with still higher productivity can also be obtained. The gene which participates in decomposition of the epichlorohydrin which exists in the cell of these strains is started, Insert this in suitable vector, for example, plasmid, and using this vector A suitable host, For example, the different-species host or Arthrobacter like an ESSHIERIHIA Coli (Escherichia coli) or yeast, The epichlorohydrin decomposition stock of this invention can also be artificially created by transforming the host of the same kind like Microbacterium or genus-erwinia bacteria.

0017(2) When the microorganism of the culturing method above of a microorganism tends to be cultivated and it is going to manufacture the epichlorohydrin decomposition activity stock of this invention, as long as the microorganism of this invention may propagate, any may be used as a basic nutrient medium. This culture medium contains one kind, such as ammonium sulfate, a yeast extract, peptone, and a meat extract, or two or more kinds as a nitrogen source. Glucose, starch, glycerin, etc. can be added to this culture medium as a carbon source if needed. It is preferred to add mineral, for example, phosphoric acid dipotassium, sodium chloride, magnesium sulfate, etc. to this culture medium. It is also preferred to add an epoxide compound, such as epichlorohydrin etc. of a small quantity which can serve as an inductor of an enzyme. Although the addition of epichlorohydrin changes with the presentation of a basal medium, and character of the strain to cultivate, it is about 0.01 to 5%.

0018Although culture may use any of a solid medium or a liquid medium, in order to obtain a

hyperactive stock so much, it is preferred to cultivate under aerobic conditions by shaking culture, aeration, spinner culture, etc. using a liquid medium. As long as it is in the temperature requirement where a bacillus grows culture temperature and epichlorohydrin is decomposed, which temperature may be sufficient, but it is 25-45 °C preferably. pH -- 5-11 -- it is the range of 6-10 preferably. Although the culture time should just choose the time when enzyme activity is revealed, it is 6 to 72 hours preferably.

0019The treating material, culture supernatant fluid, culture supernatant fluid which include the culture medium containing a cell, and the source of an epichlorohydrin dialytic ferment as aspect of a bacteria biomass although there is no restriction in particular. Or further, if the treating material of the biomass separated from culture medium, the enzyme agent obtained from this, these enzymes or the thing which fixed the enzyme inclusion with the conventional method, etc. is the methods enforced as an enzyme reaction means, a reaction can be presented.

0020(3) Although there is no restriction in particular about the aspect of decomposition of decomposition epichlorohydrin of epichlorohydrin, if epichlorohydrin as a substrate and water are contained in the reaction mixture which usually contains the aforementioned bacteria biomass, a reaction will advance.

0021If epichlorohydrin of a raw material is a grade which does not check a reaction, it will especially change with concentration of the bacteria biomass in reaction mixture, etc., and will not be limited, but it is convenient to consider it as 1-500 g/L. In a batch type reaction, it can also add at once at the time of a reaction start, and epichlorohydrin can be divided into multiple times with advance of a reaction, or can also be added continuously.

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Description of the Prior ArtThere is special difficulty in processing on the industrial scale of an organic compound with combination of halogen carbon like epichlorohydrin. That is, since the carbon-halogen covalent bond is stable, it is taking great cost to cut this. The organic substance these-halogenated conventionally is disassembled by chemical, a physical method, and the biological method. As a physical method used here, they are the adsorption by activated carbon, and an extraction method. However, this method has the problem that a lot of activated carbon and extracts which were polluted with the halogenated organic compound arise, and requires great expense for these processings. Next, it is the method of decomposing an elevated temperature in

oxidative atmosphere and disassembling a halogenated compound on high voltage conditions as chemical processing, in many cases. For example, biological treatment is performed for wastewater after thermal alkali treatment using gram negative bacteria, such as gram positive bacteria, such as the Cellulomonas bacteria, and the Alcaligenes bacteria, as shown in JP,H6-320194,A and a U.S. Pat. No. 5478472 item gazette. The case is performing chemical oxidation treatment. However, by this method, the upper energy cost which needs special equipment is large, and cannot call it an economical approach. After electrolyzing to JP,S50-032767,A, how to process by an ion-exchange membrane is also shown. ***** needs many energies similarly. In addition, there is the method of processing with metal or metal hydride with an organic halogenated compound and high reactivity, and cost cannot say this that cracking severity is also enough high again, either.

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Mode for carrying out the inventionHereafter, this invention is explained in detail.

(1) The 3CL7 share, 13 shares of CLs, and five shares of 4CLs which were newly separated in microorganism this invention are screened, are isolated from soil in Yamaguchi, and have high epichlorohydrin decomposition activity. These new strains are shown below.

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b) Quality of growth Fitness Fitness Fitness Gloss of a RO colony **** **** It is and is 3 bouillon liquid culture (for 30 ** and seven days).

b) Surface growth **** **** RO turbidity It becomes muddy. It becomes muddy. It becomes muddy. Ha precipitate Powder Powder Powder NI generation of gas Nothing Nothing Nothing 4 bouillon gelatin (for 30 ** and seven days)

Gelatin liquefaction +5 litmus milk - - (30 **) Blue stain during seven days Erythrochromia Blue stain (c) physiological property . 1 Gram's stain + + - Two Nitrate's reduction . - - + Three Denitrification reaction - - -4. MR test - - - Five VP test . - - + Six Indore generation - - . + Seven Generation of hydrogen sulfide - - - 8. Hydrolysis of starch - - - 9 citrate use . b) Koser+ + + RO Christensen. + + + Ten Generation of a pigment I King. A culture-medium - - - RO King B culture-medium . - - - 11 Urease - - -. 12 Oxidase - - - 13 Catalase . + + +14 The range of growth I pH 5-9. 6-9 6-8 RO temperature 30 **+ +. + 37 **+ - - 41 **+ -. - 15 Attitude against oxygen Common gender anaerobiosis . Aerotropism A common gender anaerobic 16 O-F test (glucose). oxidative -- oxidative Generation of acid from fermentation 17 sugars, and gas Acid Gas Acid Gas Acid Gas 1 L-arabinose - - - + - 2 D-xylose - - - + - 3 D-glucose - - - + + 4 D-mannose -. - - - + - 5 D-fructose . - - - + - 6 D-galactose . - - - + - Seven Malt sugar . - - - + - Eight Shook sirloin . - - + - - Nine Lactose . - - - + - Ten Trehalose . - - - + - 11 D-sorbitol . - - - + - 12 D-mannitol . - - - + - 13 Glycerin . - - - + - 14 Starch . - - - + - 15 Raffinose . - - - + - 16 Inulin . - - - + - 17 D-ribose . - - - + - 18 Sorbose . - - + - + - 19 Carboxymethyl cellulose . - - - - - 20 Glycogen . - - - - - Other -(d) and many character . Vitamin demand nature Nothing It makes and nothing Disassembly of arginine . + + - Decomposition of histidinol - - - Disassembly of nicotine - - - Salt tolerance 5%+ - + 7%+ - - 10% - - - Phenylalanine deaminase - - - Cell wall amino acid Lysine. ornithine**0012**Based on the above-mentioned mycology character, according to description of a bar JIZU manual OBU SHISUTEMA tic bacteriology (Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology), Each strain of said 3C L7, CL13, and 4CL5 was identified as follows.

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001413 shares of CLs have a Gram positive, a short Bacillus (0.6x2 micrometers), the generation nothing of a spore, aerotropism, oxidase negativity, the utilization incompetence of various carbohydrates, yellow-coloring-matter production, and no motility. 95.8% and high homology were shown to micro bacterium RUTEORAMU from the sequence analysis of that diaminopimelic acid is not included but ornithine is included from cell wall amino acid analysis, not hydrolyzing starch, not producing acid from glucose, and 16S rDNA. However, since the kind in which the same character is shown was not known, the micro bacterium species was identified as one bacteria belonging to Microbacterium.

0015Five shares of 4CLs decompose Gram negative, a short Bacillus (0.8x1 micrometer), the generation nothing of a spore, motile ****, a common gender anaerobiosis, a catalase positivity, and glucose in fermentation, and produce acid and gas. Oxidase negativity and citrate are available and Those with the Indore production, hydrogen sulfide production nothing, Those with acetoin production, glucose, D-mannitol, inositol, Since acid was produced from malt sugar and trehalose

without those of various carbohydrates, such as D-sorbitol and L-rhamnose, with utilization ability, and the availability of chestnut acid chloride and acetoin was generated, Elvey Nia KAROTOBORA was identified.

0016 These strains are made to produce variation and a strain with still higher productivity can also be obtained. A gene which participates in decomposition of epichlorohydrin which exists in a cell of these strains is started, Insert this in suitable vector, for example, plasmid, and using this vector A suitable host, For example, a different-species host or Arthrobacter like an ESSHIERIHHIA Coli (Escherichia coli) or yeast, An epichlorohydrin decomposition stock of this invention can also be artificially created by transforming a host of the same kind like Microbacterium or genus-erwinia bacteria.

0017 (2) When the microorganism of the culturing method above of a microorganism tends to be cultivated and it is going to manufacture the epichlorohydrin decomposition activity stock of this invention, as long as the microorganism of this invention may propagate, any may be used as a basic nutrient medium. This culture medium contains one kind, such as ammonium sulfate, a yeast extract, peptone, and a meat extract, or two or more kinds as a nitrogen source. Glucose, starch, glycerin, etc. can be added to this culture medium as a carbon source if needed. It is preferred to add mineral, for example, phosphoric acid dipotassium, sodium chloride, magnesium sulfate, etc. to this culture medium. It is also preferred to add an epoxide compound, such as epichlorohydrin etc. of a small quantity which can serve as an inductor of an enzyme. Although the addition of epichlorohydrin changes with the presentation of a basal medium, and character of the strain to cultivate, it is about 0.01 to 5%.

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